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### **TURNQUIST RECEIVES DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

#### **MISSOULA--**

Nels E. Turnquist will be honored for his superb career performance and outstanding ambassadorship of The University of Montana during this year's Homecoming celebration.

Turnquist is one of nine UM graduates to be honored with the Alumni Association's 1999 Distinguished Alumni Awards. The awards will be presented at the traditional Singing on the Steps of Main Hall ceremony starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8.

Turnquist received a bachelor of arts degree in business administration from UM in 1947. From 1960-68, he was president of First National Bank in **Helena** before moving to Minneapolis, where he spent four years as vice president and senior liaison of First Bank System Inc. He retired in 1987 from the First Bank of South Dakota, where he was chairman and president from 1972 to 1985.

His extensive volunteer work includes serving on the UM Foundation board from 1978 to 1990, with a term as president in 1984-86. He also was chair of UM's Capital Campaign from 1984 to 1986, surpassing the fund-raising goal by \$2.4 million.

A native of **Gold Creek**, Turnquist now divides his time between **Tucson, Ariz.**, and **Whitefish**.

Other recipients of Distinguished Alumni Awards are John J. "Jack" Burke, Todd A. Damrow, John M. Dixon, Linda McDonald DuMoulin, Don Kinney, Jerry Norskog, Albert L. Picchioni and Garvin F. Shallenberger.

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